

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 9 November 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors A Whittaker (Chairman), M Brown, J Holborn W Mason and D Miller.

Also present County Councillor K Iddon and 7 Members of the Public.

### 141.17 Election of Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Whittaker was elected as Chairman for this meeting.

### 142.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, D Bonney, K Brown, H Counce, V Counce, C Mayor and H Thomas.

### 143.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 144.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2017

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2017 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 145.17 Matters Arising

104.17 Seat on Parr Lane. Lancashire County Council has advised a small seat can be installed.

133.17 Fallen tree branch on Drapers Avenue. Lancashire County Council is to carry out a survey on all the trees on Drapers Avenue and recommended maintenance will be carried out once the report is received from the Arboricultural Officer.

134.17 Security fencing to prevent access to the rear of the Community Hub has been ordered.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 146.17 Public Participation

A resident queried why outside seating was not permitted at The Greenhaus. The resident was informed the planning application was refused due to a planning condition imposed on the original change of use application which prevents drinking outside the premises.

A resident of New Mill Street reported pallets had been left next to the electricity transformer on the Carrington Centre car park and queried whether the parking restrictions were enforced, as he was concerned parking for car sharing was taking up spaces.

A member of the Bowling Club advised of problems with young people riding bikes on the bowling green. The problems have abated since the Club began to lock the gates to the green. The meeting was advised of the intention to develop the Hub into a community facility which will include a youth club

Arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade and Service were confirmed.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 147.17 Planning Matters

17/01008/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed rear dormer loft conversion at 14 Greenway

17/01009/FULHH First floor side extension, first floor front extension, alterations to front elevation including raising the eaves and ridge height, extension to existing garage and 2m high fence to boundary (following removal of existing front and rear dormers and demolition of existing conservatory) at 32 Larkfield

There were no objections to the above applications.

#### 148.17 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements.

£	173.06	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	697.78	Employee 1	Salary
£	470.77	Employee 2	Salary
£	644.03	Employee 3	Salary
£	122.81	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	40.92	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	250.00	Royal British Legion	Donation and wreath
£	600.00	Argus Fire and Security	Annual maintenance contracts
£	599.76	N Power	Electricity (Hub)
£	200.00	DWG (NW)	Village Green rockery
£	249.00	DWG (NW)	Winter planting
£	62.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	62.30	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	112.51	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£	1239.57	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment

#### 149.17 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

The appointment of an Internal Auditor was discussed. The current auditor is no longer able to carry out the audit and the Clerk is to attempt to locate a replacement auditor.

#### 150.17 Youth Nuisance

A letter from the MP, reporting on a meeting with the Chief Inspector, was read out. The Chief Inspector had provided details of police action over the past few weekends, including use of Dispersal Orders to break up the groups, under 17's being taken home to their parents and searching for drugs and other items.

The security fence, to prevent access to the rear of the Community Hub, has been ordered

A suggestion for a 'multi agency' public meeting was discussed. This is to be included on the agenda for the January 2018 meeting.

#### 151.17 Eccleston Community Hub

Several grants have been either obtained or promised. Contractors have inspected a leak in the roof and quotations for repair are awaited.

#### 152.17 Precept

Councillors were invited to provide the Clerk with suggestions for inclusion in the 2018/19 precept.

153.17 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures were provided. There were 8 reported crimes in October.

154.17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 December 2017.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.